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APRIL 13, 1975
TO: GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: AMBASSADOR GRAHAM MARTIN
REF: WHITE HOUSE 50667

1. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CONVEYED PARA 3 REFTEL. THE FIGURE OF 1,250 AROSE IN PART FROM MILITARY PRESSURE TO GET LEVEL DOWN TO QUANTITY WHICH COULD BE REMOVED IN ONE LIFT BY CHOPPERS FROM HANCOCK AND OKINAWA. THAT IS A PRUDENT GOAL AND WE WILL WORK TOWARD IT.

2. HOWEVER, WITH ADMIRAL BENTON WORKING WITH GREAT INGENUITY AND SKILL TO REFINE AND UPDATE TALON VISE PLANNING, AND WITH MORE ASSETS FOR EVACUATION AVAILABLE THAN BEFORE, I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE EVENTS WITH SUFFICIENT PRECISION TO AT LEAST STAY AHEAD OF THE POINT WHERE THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS DANGER TO AMERICAN LIVES. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO KEEP MISSION GOING, WILL NOT REDUCE TO EXACTLY 1,250 BY 19 APRIL. I SHALL NOT RPT NOT SO INFORM DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO KEEP PRESSURE ON TO GET SOME DECISIONS OUT OF THE POTOMAC DEBATING SOCIETY.

3. I AM REPEATING SAIGON'S 4878 IN NEXT FOLLOWING MESSAGE. THE PROCEDURE RECOMMENDED IS A PERFECTLY FEASIBLE PLAN, LIMITED TO NOT MORE THAN ABOUT 1500 DEPENDENTS OF AMERICANS. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD KEEP AN EYE ON IT AND, IF NECESSARY, ASK THE PRESIDENT TO INTERVENE WITH STATE AND INS TO PREVENT INTERMINABLE SQUABBLING AMONG THE BUREAUCRATIC MATTRESS MICE.

4. PLEASE EXPRESS MY THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT.

5. WARMEST REGARDS.
MARTIN
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